

Whole school Skills Day

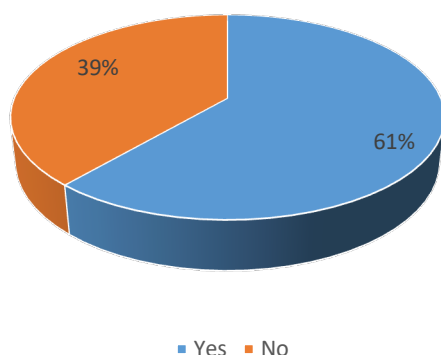
Friday 6th May 2022

This was a whole school event giving pupils the opportunity to access workshops and information sessions across a range of topics delivered by Colleges/6th Forms/Apprenticeship providers/Training providers/Employers, FE and HE providers.

The day allowed pupils to experience future careers ideas in areas they might not have considered by taking part in 6 different hands-on activities or talks provided by our guests. We had 29 different provider activities on offer. Pupils were divided into groups of 20 allowing a mixture of KS3 (Years 7,8 &9) and KS4 (Years 9, 10 & 11) to work together and experience the different career areas across mixed ages.

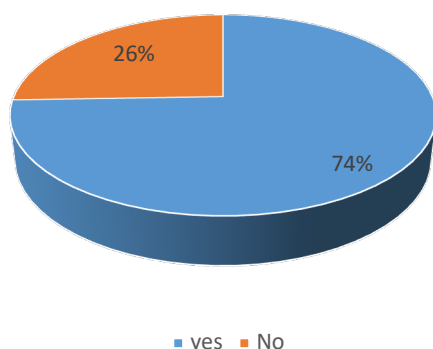
After the event, pupils were asked to evaluate the day

Did you feel well prepared for this event?



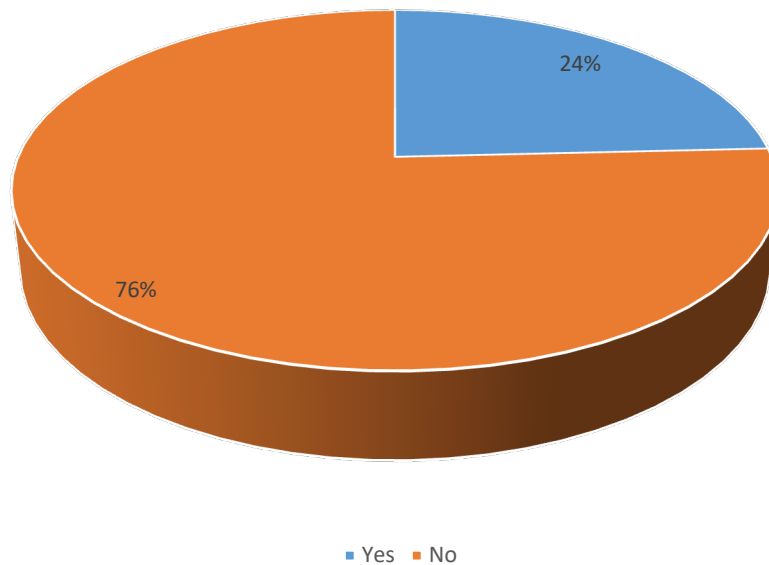
Summary: Pupils/parents/carers were informed about the day, but pupils were not given their group activities for the day. This was done so that pupils didn't have time to pre-judge an activity they might not want to take part in. Pupils were surprised at how much they enjoyed a session once they were taking part. This event was designed so that pupils experienced workshops they wouldn't have necessarily chosen.

Did you enjoy this event?



Summary: The majority of pupils enjoyed this event. For some pupils, the day would only have been better if they had been with friends, or they had been able to choose their own workshops. We felt that allowing pupils to choose their own workshops would have resulted in pupils not experiencing a full range of activities as they may have only chosen the ones they knew about. This event was for all pupils to interact and learn about new career areas. To quote: "You don't know what you don't know about!"

Before attending your sessions were you knowledgeable about your workshop provider?



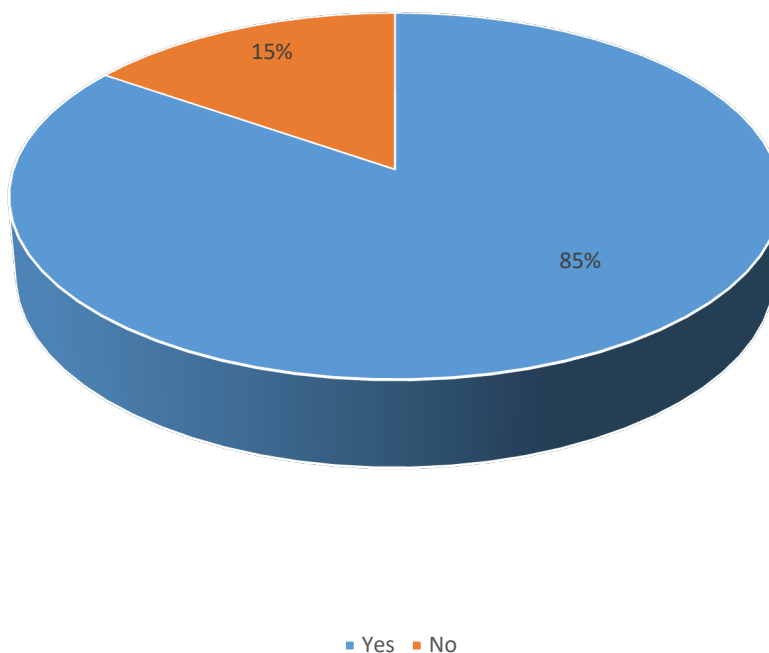
Workshop knowledge:

The results of these two questions showed the impact the activities had on the pupils.

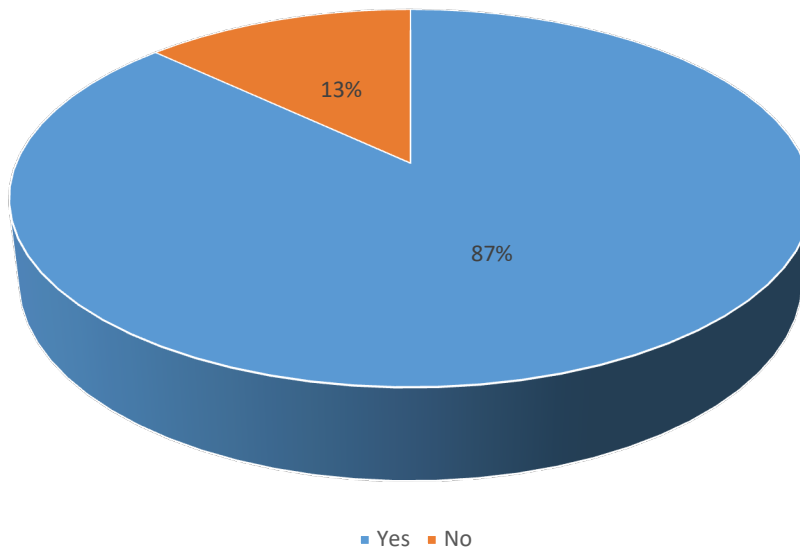
Prior to the workshops 76% of pupils didn't know anything about the workshop provider

85% of Students increased their knowledge after attending the workshops.

After attending your sessions were you more knowledgeable about the workshop providers?



Did you have the opportunity to ask questions?

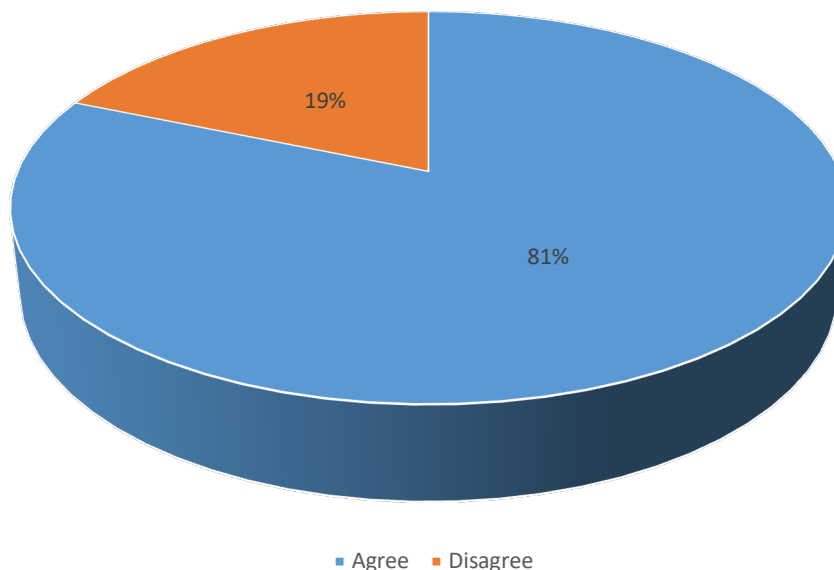


Summary: It was great to see that pupils were able to interact and ask questions within each of the workshops. This showed the impact the session had on pupils interest in the areas they were taking part in.

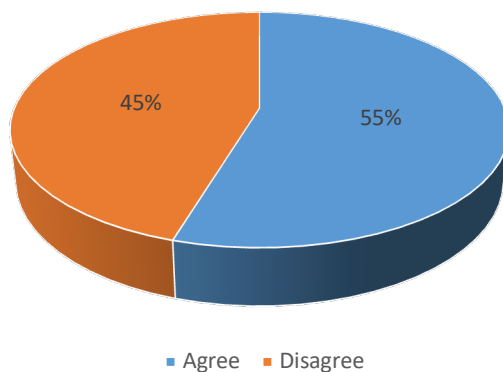


Days like these give pupils the inspiration to look at future career paths by talking to and engaging with both employers and post-16 providers to discuss the World of Work and their future choices.

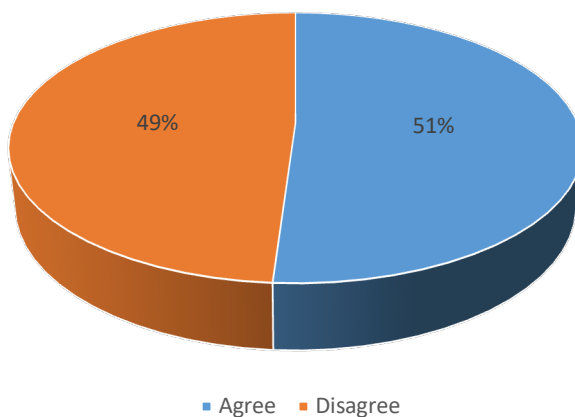
This event has helped me to understand something about careers and the World of Work



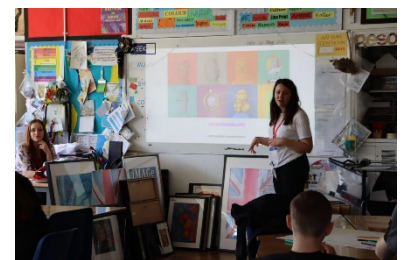
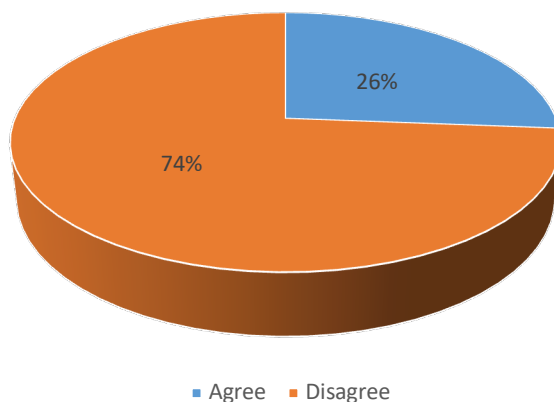
This event has helped me to develop essential skills (ie listening, presenting, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership, teamwork)



This event helped me think about what I might like to do once I finish school



This event has changed my thinking about my future plans



Summary: It is great to see that the majority of pupils at St Joseph's have a clear idea of their future. It indicates that most pupils are confident about essential life skills which are taught across the curriculum and within PSHE lessons. This event was intended to support pupils' choices as well as give them information about career areas/post-16 education they might not have thought of giving them informed choices.

Conclusion: The day was a great success and overall, the event has increased pupils' knowledge base in areas they knew nothing or very little about. We hope it may even have inspired them to consider new career areas in the future.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the following for supporting our Skills Day.

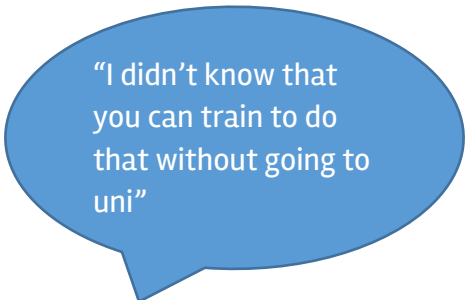
Skills Day 2022 – Partnerships with local employers, 14–19 providers in both education and training.

Andover College – Music
Andover College – Hairdressing
Andover College – Explore Andover College
Army – Out on the Field
Arts University Bournemouth – Creative Careers
Babcock – Making Planes
Boeing – Making Parachutes
Careers at Sea
DSTL – Engineering
Five Rivers – Care Industry
Go Green – Waste Management and Sustainability
Haddon Training – Equine
National Air Traffic Control – Air Traffic Control
New Forest Education – Green Careers
RACPD – Equine Apprenticeships
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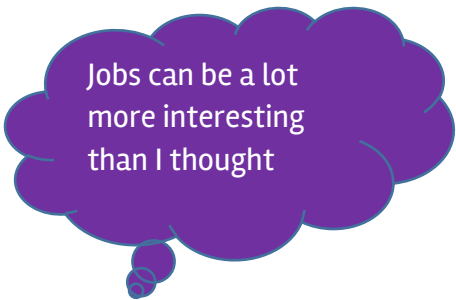
S6C – Marketing and Building a Brand
S6C – Film Directing
S6C – Sport out on the field
Salisbury Museum – Routes into Heritage Museums, Archaeology and History
Sarum Academy – Exploring Sarum Academy
Sodexo – Hospitality and Catering (Cake making)
STEM – Measuring and Evaluating Sound
STEM – Civil Engineering and the Built Environment
Totally Living Care – Care
Wessex Archaeology – Carousel of Archaeology
Wiltshire College – Working with Green Screens
Wiltshire College – Motor Vehicle
Wiltshire Council – Apprenticeships

Pupils were asked to comment on any actions they intended to take as a result of this event:

It was a fun event to take part in.
It helped me decide I wanted to do hairdressing
It has helped
I have stronger intentions to join the Army
No, I know what I want to do when I'm older
Not to be so stressed about my future job
The event was good, and it did teach me to think about the future
Aim high
I will go to a museum to learn more about the history
Work 100% in everything
Maybe become a care worker for children/care industry
Merchant Navy as a second future career choice
I may get an apprenticeship instead of university
To research more careers and job sectors
Have a look more into engineering/mechanical work
To go to college
Look at some jobs for the future
Do as good as I can in school, so I have multiple job options
It's made me think about what I want to become when I'm older
A tour at one of the post-16 provider 6th forms / Google the colleges and Universities who attended
Look into maritime engineering (Careers at Sea)



"I didn't know that you can train to do that without going to uni"

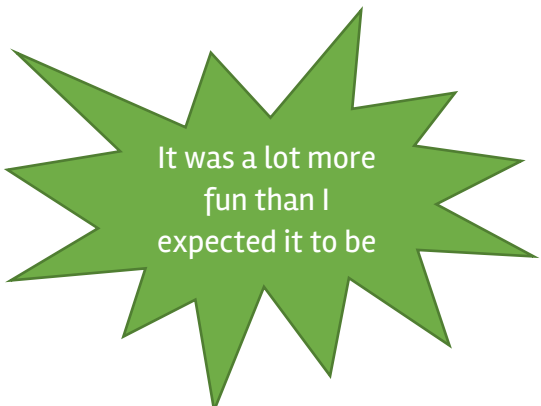


Jobs can be a lot more interesting than I thought


Get a good job and try your hardest. Also make sure you like it, it's not all about the money
To get an apprenticeship before a job for experience
Just to listen more and get my English and Maths done the first time
I don't know – but we should do it again
The RAF or Army has inspired me to want to work for the Country
Look into Open evenings at Colleges/6th forms
Try and help the planet

How could this event be even better?

More Tech based employers (Microsoft, Sony, Samsung etc)
Would have liked to choose my own activity workshops
It was good how it was
Being in groups with friends
A doctor maybe or just a member of the NHS. Otherwise, it was very fun
The idea of the skills day was good but both the variety of workshops such as the lack of jobs in computing sectors and the timing of the event being a week before the exams didn't make it ideal.
If we could go and see where they work and see what they do
There's nothing that could drastically improve, but I was quite knowledgeable on the topics
There's nothing that could be better.
Have multiple days so you can do more, do more related things
Nothing at all, it was amazing
More Sports events
Overall, it was an interesting day where we could take a break and look at other perspectives. It would be better with things I could learn from, but the archaeology was fun since I learnt about skeletons and history
Start to think of CV content, volunteer at a cat rescue centre
Yes, do more research on related topics
No, I think it was awesome



It was a lot more
fun than I
expected it to be



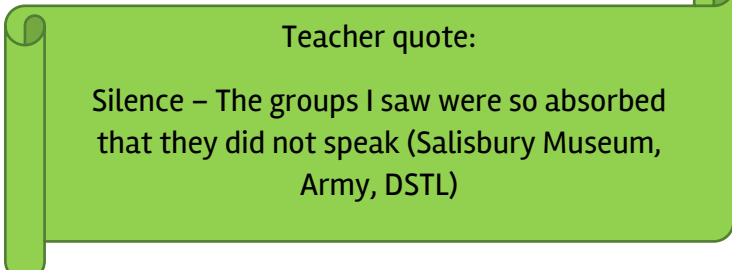
It has been
good fun

Are there other careers areas you would like to have seen?

Teaching, Doctor, Vet, NHS, Interior designing, Fire Fighter, Police, Retail, Acting, Author, Photography, Coding, Cyber security, Mechanics, Architects, Sporting careers, Beauty, Entrepreneur, Politics, Fashion Design, Carpentry, Electrician, Performing Arts (dance/musicals), Gaming, Childcare

Summary: Pupils have been very honest with their thoughts and feedback of the event. This is the first time we have been able to hold this event due to lockdown (originally planned for May 2020). Going forward we will look to invite more career areas as pupils have suggested, although this is, of course, dependent of employer ability at the time of the Skills Day. We will look to change the date of skills Day so that it doesn't impact on year 11 GCSE study prior to exams starting. Overall, it was a very successful day and the impact this has had on our pupils has been captured in their knowledge of the workshop providers prior to and after the activity. We believe that by holding this event our pupils have been given the opportunity and the inspiration to look at future career paths to inspire them for the future.

Teacher quote:



Silence – The groups I saw were so absorbed that they did not speak (Salisbury Museum, Army, DSTL)